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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL MARK UP OF FY 1978 SECURITY ASSIST-
ANCE BILL

REF: BRASILIA 3835

1. ARA DECISION (DISCUSSED WITH AND APPROVED BY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY TODMAN) NOT TO RECOMMEND DELETION OF IMET FUNDS
FOR BRAZIL WAS TAKEN AS PART OF REGIONAL STRATEGY TO PRE-
SERVE BASIS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FUTURE PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY
COOPERATION AND INFLUENCE IN HEMISPHERE. IN FACE OF INDI-
CATIONS THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BASE FUTURE RELATION-
SHIPS ON MATERIEL TRANSFERS AND THAT ONLY TRAINING OFFERS
REASONABLE PROSPECT FOR CONTINUED MILITARY-TO-MILITARY
TIES, DETERMINATION WAS MADE THAT ARA SHOULD INITIATE NO
ACTION TO DELETE TRAINING FUNDS FOR LA COUNTRIES FROM
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ORIGINAL BUDGET REQUEST UNLESS THIS ACTION WAS SPECIFICALLY
D MANDDED BY COUNTRY IN QUESTION. IT WAS HELD THAT BROADLY
WORDED STATEMENTS OF REJECTION OR RENUNCIATION WOULD NOT
REQUIRE DEPARTMENT TO INITIATE PROCESS OF AMENDING DOCU-
MENTATION WHICH RELATES TO AMOUNTS USG WILL BE PREPARED TO
OFFER, BUT IMPLIES NO FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION TO
ACCEPT. (THOUGHT THAT IMETP WAS ONLY VEHICLE FOR INCLUSION

OF BRAZILIAN PARTICIPANTS IN SUCH REGIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CADET EXCHANGES WAS ELEMENT IN EQUATION, BUT NOT CONTROLLING.)

2. RE "INCLUSION OF IMETP IN LEGISLATION" -- PARA 2 REFTTEL: UNDER NORMAL PROCEDURE ONLY CATEGORY TOTALS, WITHOUT COUNTRY BREAKDOWNS ARE INCLUDED IN LEGISLATION ITSELF. THIS DOES NOT, OF COURSE, PRECLUDE POSSIBLE "NEGATIVE" MENTION OF COUNTRIES -- I.E. EXCLUSIONARY REFERENCES. WELL PUBLICIZED BRAZILIAN ACTIONS HAVE INCREASED, RATHER THAN DECREASED, LATTER POSSIBILITIES.

3. TO DATE THERE HAVE BEEN NO INQUIRIES ON THIS HERE. SHOULD THESE MATERIALIZE, POINTS WHICH CAN BE MADE ARE 1) THAT THERE WAS NO PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY OF REMOVING OR RECALLING CPD DOCUMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ALREADY IN CONGRESS; 2) CONGRESS WAS, HOWEVER, INFORMED OF EXACT LANGUAGE OF OPERATIVE PORTION OF BRAZILIAN NOTE IN WRITTEN TESTIMONY PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT; AND 3) FACT THAT ACTION MAY NOT BE TAKEN TO PUT THROUGH AMENDMENTS DELETING SMALL AMOUNT OF IMETP ORIGINALLY LISTED FOR BRAZIL DOES NOT IMPLY ASSUMPTION THAT FUNDS WILL IN FACT BE USED BY BRAZIL. (THEY COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, BE USED FOR NEED ARISING ELSEWHERE IN HEMISPHERE.) CHRISTOPHER

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